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## NOTES AND NEWS

Only one new teacher has joined us this year, Mrs. Lemmon, who arrived at the beginning of the summer term to teach Mathematics. The girls also had extra tuition in the art of throwing rounders balls and javelins etc. when Miss Andrews came, also in the summer term, but this engagement was only temporary and we wish her well in the future.

This year activities and trips have been more varied than in previous years. Particular reference must be made to the skiing trip with Mr. Holmes at the helm.

There seems to have been a more liberal sprinkling of concerts at school this year too, with the Christmas Pantomime and also an end of term concert, both of which are reported elsewhere.

The annual junior party took place at the end of the autumn term with Mr. Holmes most ably donning again his "master of ceremonies" guise which was appreciated by those present. Refreshments followed the games and dancing which, this year, was down to a new low of only one dance!

Also at the end of term, the sixth invited the Staff to a Christmas social. An excellent spread was produced, seemingly out of nowhere, by the upper sixth girls, which highlighted the evening, apart from some movements produced by the girls and female members of the Staff during the country dancing; rumour has it, in fact, that the younger ones had tuition with Pan's People. However, the evening was a great success as far as "breaking the ice" was concerned.

There have been various visits to the theatre including one to Stratford to see "A Winter's Tale" and another cinema visit by the Lower forms to see "Romeo and Juliet".

A trip to France took place during the Easter holidays for those studying "A" level French which was enjoyed, particularly by those who had not crossed the sea before.

Other excursions included sixth form skating and swimming as well as many walking trips and also a trip to London led by Mr. and Mrs. Maund.

The Annual Carol Service was held on the last day of the Autumn Term. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Stally and lessons were read by Rev. Stally, G. Howard, M. Gay, M. Gould, J. Beale, Beale, Foster, Wilkes and Hayball. Variety was brought into the service with two carols sung by the Madrigal Group, a Cowboy Carol sung by the Junior Choir and a carol sung to guitar accompaniment by Form III girls. A collection was taken in aid of the Church Restoration Fund.

Upper Sixth former, Jim Walker, is to be congratulated on winning the Warwickshire Boys' Club's Table Tennis Championship held at Nuneaton in May. As champion of Warwickshire, he then went on to represent the county in the National Championship at the Crystal Palace where he lost to the Nottinghamshire champion.

Congratulations, too, to Rosemary Woodcock who was elected Miss Tamworth 1970.

A new item was introduced this year in the last week of the summer term, a cricket match between the Staff and the sixth form.

The staff was ably captained, and at times umpired, by Mr. Holmes who won the toss and elected to bat. The runs flowed from the bat and also from the wides and no-balls, however the staff batted resiliently and at the end declared at 104 for 12 (it should be stated at this point that both sides had at least sixteen batsmen, and it was also rumoured that for Mr. Woodcock to have scored 37 runs he must have gone in at least three times, however, inside information received stated that he amassed the runs fairly and squarely.)

On the declaration the sides, to use a new cricketing term, "adjourned" for tea, a magnificent spread which was put on by the girls.

Following the "adjournment" the staff took the field and all looked set for a fairly comfortable sixth form victory. However, Mr. Holmes had one ace up his sleeve which had not graced the field with his batting ability. Mr. Dowell (the "demon bowler"), although the style was somewhat unorthodox the results were efficiently beneficial to his team, much to the despair of one or two sixth form batsmen.

However, with the last man in for the sixth form 2 runs were needed to win and were scored with an off? drive by Maurice Beale.

Thus after a match which would have befitted Lords the result was a win for the sixth form. However, it was agreed upon that this was not so much a victory for the sixth but a victory for cricket itself.

A special end of year concert held on Thursday, 16th July was dedicated to Mr. Davison and Miss Webley to mark their retirement. The items were varied: folk singing; "Alice in wonderland" poetry reading; a Western scene; Gilbert and Sullivan; Shakespeare and sing-a-long musical to round the afternoon off. This was felt to be a good way of thanking the retiring Headmaster and Mistress since it displayed the talents of their pupils from 1st to 6th year.

Thanks are especially due to Mrs. Price and Miss Gibbs for arranging the concert, but also to all those taking part both in front and behind the curtain.

On the last day of term the Staff unknowingly "kidnapped" the Head Boy and a ransom of £5 was demanded for Asthma research. The Upper Sixth loyally trooped around the School and were able to raise £7.10.0, largely through generous contributions from the offending staff.

## SPEECH DAY 1970

Speech Day was held on Wednesday, 11th February. Prizes and certificates were presented by Clifford H. Bayliss, Esq., M.A., Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office and printer to the Queen, and also a former Head Boy of the School.

Prizes were presented to the following :-

- Form Is. 1. Phillipa Hallam; 2. M. S. P. Sansom; 3. Mary McGuire; 4. Maria Maw.
- Form. I.M. 1. P. G. Morris; 2. R. D. Greig; 3. B. C. Richardson.
- Form IIs. 1. Pamela Boyle; 2. Rosemary Jacques; 3. K. J. Leeson; 4. Hilary Chapman.
- Form II.M. 1. Wendy Deakin; 2. Catherine Evans; 3. Jane Lamburn; 4. Anne Longstaff.
- Form III.s. 1. Julia Nocks; 2. N. R. Turner; 3. Wendy Salmon; 4. Mary Seeney.
- Form III.M. 1. Susan Robertson; 2. D. J. Hughes.
- Form IVs. 1. Susan Bond; 2. Rosemary John; 3. C. Hill; 4. Elaine Booker.
- Form IV.M. 1. I. G. Boyle; 2. Rosemary Woodcock; 3. Rosalyn Weaver; 4. Anne Lawrence.
- Form V. 1. P. R. F. Heath; 2. Celia Redall; 3. M. A. Smith; 4. Hilary Madge; 5. R. E. Harz; 6. Susan Moore.
- Lower VI. Arts : 1. Marion Gould.  
Sciences : 1. B. Hayball; 2. A. J. Loader; 3. M. Beale.
- Upper VI. Arts : 1. C. J. Saunders; 2. Stephanie Bradshaw; 3. Jacqueline Howard.  
Sciences : 1. S. M. Jones; 2. Jean Wright.
- Special Prize : P. R. F. Heath.
- The Ernest Walker Memorial Prize : P. G. Nicholls.
- The Wilson Cup (for handicraft) : R. Woodward.
- The Mason Cup (for best Middle School pupil) : Susan Robertson.
- The Spencer Cup (for best result in G.C.E. examinations) : S. M. Jones.
- The Head Girl's Prize : Audrey Rogers.
- The Head Boy's Prize : S. A. Mogg.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. I. Clarke on the birth of their third child — a daughter — in March.

It gives us pleasure to report that Sally Green and Peter Still have acted in a number of plays in London with the National Youth Theatre.

Best wishes go to our music teacher, Miss G. Gibbs, who was married during the Summer holidays and returned in September as Mrs. Hughes.

A hearty "welcome back" also to Geraldine Jolliffe after a very long and painful period in hospital following an accident in October 1968.

In September 1970, we welcomed a new master to teach English, Mr. L. C. Green, B.A. (Leeds) who is a native of Birmingham, though his last post was at Batley Grammar School in Yorkshire. We hope he will be happy here.

We are indebted to Mr. C. Johnson, who took the photographs and made the prints from which the blocks for the team photographs in this issue were produced.

#### MR. E. DAVISON

The end of term ceremony, held to mark the retirement of our Headmaster after nineteen years service to the school, is reported elsewhere in this magazine, but the editors would also like to put on record an extract from Mr. Davison's report at Speech Day — his last as Headmaster. He told the very large audience in the Assembly Hall :-

"It is fashionable now to decry the small school on the grounds that it cannot offer the wide variety of courses possible in a large school, especially at sixth form level. There may be some truth in this, but I am certain that there are many much larger schools than ours which do not offer the same possibilities of combining arts subjects with mathematics and science, and practical with academic and aesthetic subjects.

As the demand has arisen and as the opportunity has allowed, I have increased the number of subjects studied in the sixth form so that we are now able to offer a choice from seventeen subjects compared with seven when I first came here. I am glad that it has been possible to do this, for it has been my constant endeavour to try to ensure that no boys or girls, whatever their bent, should suffer any loss of opportunity through attending a school as small as this."

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing Mr. Davison many happy years of retirement with Mrs. Davison at their home in Stratford-upon-Avon.

The Editors.

#### MISS A. L. WEBLEY

At the end of the Summer term, I interviewed Miss Webley who is retiring after twenty-two years as deputy head of this School. She had previously taught for sixteen years at Dronfield Grammar School.

During her stay at this School, Miss Webley has, seen the numbers of English "A" level students rise from five to seventeen, and successes that we have had owe much to her wise teaching and her willingness to advise at any time.

Miss Webley has enjoyed teaching at a small Grammar school because she feels that small numbers make for a more personal, friendly atmosphere which is conducive to better work.

I am sure that the whole school would like to wish Miss Webley a long and happy retirement and will be pleased to know that she intends to remain in Alcester where her friends and interests are.

Gillian Howard.

### GIRLS' GAMES 1969-70

#### HOCKEY TEAMS, FIXTURES and RESULTS

*Games Secretary:* Hilary Madge.

*Team Captains:* 1st XI G. Howard  
U.15 XI M. Seeney  
U.14 XI L. Manley

#### *Regular team members:*

1st XI: D. Mills (G.K.), B. Rees (R.B.), C. Jukes (L.B.), H. Madge (R.H.), G. Howard (C.H.), C. Reddall (L.H.), J. Janus (R.W.), A. Lawrence, R. Woodcock (R.I.), G. Clifford (C.F.), S. Bond, R. Weaver (L.I.), M. Cullum (L.W.).

U.15 XI: W. Gill (G.K.), W. Fisher (R.B.), L. George (L.B.), G. Apps (R.H.), J. Kennedy (C.H.), L. Fear (L.H.), C. Roseblade (R.W.), J. Nocks (R.I.), M. Seeney (C.F.), S. Burrows (L.I.), A. Faulkner (L.W.).

U.14 XI: F. Morris (G.K.), R. Jacques (R.B.), C. Dalton (L.B.), J. Peskett, V. Wright (R.H.), L. Gardner (C.H.), J. Coffee, S. Yates (L.H.), S. Hyde, T. Mason (R.W.), J. Sawyer, P. Boyle (R.I.), L. Manley, S. Searson (C.F.), J. Sreeves (L.I.), P. Tookey (L.W.).

#### *Hockey colours:*

Full colours — J. Janus, C. Reddall, H. Madge.

Half colours — J. Kennedy, M. Seeney, C. Roseblade, W. Fisher.

1969-70	1st XI	U.15	U.14
Evesham	L 9—0	W 9—3	
Shipston	D 1—1		L 8—0
Kineton	W 3—2	W 8—6	
Campden	L 2—0	W 7—0	
Bromsgrove	D 2—2	L 3—2	L 5—0
Old Girls	L 8—1		

### HOUSE RESULTS

#### *Senior Hockey*

Newport — Drew 1; lost 1

Spencer — Won 2

Wells — Drew 1; lost 1

*Junior Hockey*

Newport — Won 2  
 Spencer — Lost 2  
 Wells — Lost 1; Won 1

Although some matches were cancelled owing to rain, the teams' performed well in the matches that were played. The U.15 are to be congratulated on their excellent play. The 1st XI and U.14 XI made good efforts, but did not have as much success. A new match in the fixture list was a match for the 1st XI against the Old Girls. This was very enjoyable for all who took part in it.

## ROUNDERS MATCHES

## FIXTURES AND RESULTS

	U.14 IX	U.13 IX
Worcester	Won 3—1½	Lost 2—1
Chipping Campden	Lost 8—2	Lost 2—1
Redditch	Won 16—5	Lost 8—3½

Members of U.14 XI: C. Brookes, J. Coffee, C. Dalton, W. Deakin, L. Gardner, R. Jacques, A. Longstaff, L. Manley, F. Morris, J. Sreeves, P. Tookey, S. Yates.

Members of U.13 IX: S. Aldridge, P. Betteridge, C. Clarke, G. Crowe, C. Fisher, A. Gooderick, A. Payne, A. Sandford, J. Spiers, Jane Spires, L. Stanley, M. Woodings.

Colours received by : J. Sreeves, L. Manley, P. Tookey.

## TENNIS MATCHES

## FIXTURES AND RESULTS

	1st VI	2nd VI
Worcester	Won 8—1	Lost 8—1
Chipping Campden	Lost 5—4	Won 6—3
Redditch	Lost 5—4	Lost 3—6
Stratford	Lost 5—4	Lost 6—3

Members of 1st VI: H. Madge, S. Bond, B. Rees, R. Woodcock, S. Thomas, R. John, R. Bell, A. Lawrence.

Members of 2nd VI: C. Roseblade, M. Seeney, W. Fisher, J. Kennedy, S. Kirby, L. Warman, A. Faulkner.

Full tennis colours : R. John, B. Rees.

Half colours : C. Roseblade, M. Seeney.

Although this year's results are not good it is encouraging to note that all but one of the members of the first VI are in the fifth form.

## BOYS' GAMES

## CRICKET

For the first time for some years the First XI were able to play most of their arranged matches, thanks to the fine weather. Although the results were not too good there were some creditable

individual performances, notably the bowling of J. Mayle in the match against Chipping Norton, which we won by 2 wickets; his analysis of 8 for 17 was an excellent effort.

We entered the Birmingham School's knock-out Cup for the first time, and, playing against Camp Hill Old Edwardians, the previous year's finalists, we were not disgraced in losing by 54 runs. Other results included a draw against Redditch County High School and defeats at the hands of Hanley Castle, Chipping Campden and Greenmore College.

Jeremy Mayle and Robert Yapp are to be congratulated on being selected for the Warwickshire Under 15 side. Michael Yapp also played in trials for the Warwickshire Grammar Schools' Under 19 side.

Regular members of 1st XI: M. Yapp (Captain), J. Walker, R. Yapp (Wicket Keeper), J. Mayle, A. Loader, P. Still, G. Messer, N. Hayne, T. Eagleton, N. Clarke, M. Atherton.

#### Results of Under 14 matches:

Stratford H.S. (home) — Lost by 4 wickets.

St. Benedicts (home) — Won by 12 runs.

Ridgeway (away) — Lost by 70 runs.

St. Benedicts (away) — Won by 8 wickets.

## CROSS-COUNTRY

This year's senior cross-country was won by J. Walker with D. Handy in second place. and J. Blount third.

The junior race was won by D. Freeman for the second successive year. T. Seeney was second and A. Weatherhead third. House Results: 1st. Newport; 2nd. Wells; 3rd. Spencer.

## FIRST XV RUGBY

*Captain* : T. Eagleton.

*Vice-Captain* : S. King.

The 1969-70 season proved to be one of the most successful seasons the school has ever had. The team started with a good win over Bromsgrove (31-10).

With morale high we went on to beat Shipston 55-6. This is a record score for the school and Tim Eagleton also set a record by scoring 22 out of the 55 points. Hanley Castle gave the team a very hard fight but we won 20-11. The away match against Bromsgrove was also won (30-17). Unfortunately we lost the next two matches against Prince Henry's and Shipston.

Lifting ourselves out of the gloom we beat Henley 23-3 but slumped again at Cheltenham. At the end of the season the team

beat Kineton 27-6 but lost the last and probably toughest fought match against Chipping Campden 12-14. after leading 12-0 at one stage of the match.

Thanks are due to Stewart Burke who loyally turned up to most matches as reserve. The leading points scorers were T. Eagleton with 75 points and N. Clarke with 39.

We appreciate the encouragement and training given to us during the season by Mr. Holmes.

### TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

Results :

Boys Singles Final : M. Yapp bt. A. Loader 6-3, 6-2.

Boys Junior Doubles Final :

P. Allcock and D. Freeman bt. M. Pritchard and P. Best 4-6. 6-2, 7-5.

Girls Singles Final : S. Bond by H. Madge 6-2. 6-0.

Girls Doubles Final :

H. Madge and C. Reddall bt. A. Lawrence and R. Weaver 6-1, 6-3.

### ATHLETICS

The South Warwickshire Athletics Sports were held on our field again this year. Some 500 children took part and thanks to the help of a lot of people both staff and pupils the meeting went without a hitch.

Our share of the honours was up on previous years and the following pupils were chosen to represent South Warwickshire at the County Sports :- J. Peskett, 100m; S. Burrows, High Jump; C. Harz, Discus; P. Allcock, 100m; D. Freeman, Long Jump; J. Blount, 100m; S. Furness, Triple Jump; P. Still, High Jump; N. Hayne, Long Jump; A. Loader, Discus.

John Blount and Peter Still were the most successful in their events both finishing 3rd and narrowly missing selection for the Warwickshire County team. Peter Still later competed for the County in a Midlands County Schools' Meeting and in so doing set up a new school best performance of 1.66 m (5 ft. 5½ ins.) for the Senior Boys High Jump.

It is hoped that the upward trend in Athletics will continue and that we may make our contribution towards putting South Warwickshire on the Athletics map.

### SPORTS DAY PRESENTATIONS

The awards were presented to the winners by Mrs. E. Davison.

*Cross-Country House Cup* : 1. Newport 414; 2. Wells 452; 3. Spencer 530.

*Cross-Country (Individual) Senior Cup* : J. Walker.

*Games Shield* : 1. Spencer 48 points; 2. Newport 46 points; 3. Wells 26 points.

*Girl's Bronze Medals* : S. Bond, J. Coffee.

*Boys' Bronze Medals* : Jansons, Mayle, Ashton, Blount, Hayne, Loader.

*Girls' Silver Medals* : A. Bootle, S. Burrows, C. Clarke.

*Boys' Silver Medals* : Greig, Freeman, Savage, Pritchard, Clarke, Still.

*Junior Victrix Ludorum Cup* : C. Clarke.

*Victrix Ludorum Cup* : A. Bootle.

*Victor Ludorum (Senior) Cup* : P. Still.

*Girls' Sports Cup* : 1. Wells 204; 2. Newport 163; 3. Spencer 112.

*Boys' Sports Cup* : 1. Wells 223; 2. Spencer 210; 3. Newport 188.

*Sports' Shield* : 1. Wells 427; 2. Newport 351; 3. Spencer 322.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS RESULTS

*Bronze Medals* : S. Pugh, J. Spires, J. Hewitt, W. Gill, W. Deakin, S. Gladwin, R. Bell, S. Bull, P. Hallam, C. Dalton, M. Maw, G. Clifford, S. Kirby.

*Silver Medals* : A. Walton, J. Morris, J. Janus, J. Davis, Keeling, S. Moore, Z. Jurczyk, H. Chapman, S. Pitts, S. Randall, M. Beech, G. Jolliffe, S. Latham.

*Arts and Crafts Cup* : R. John.

*House Results* : 1. Newport 2995; 2. Spencer 2103; 3. Wells 1998.

### SPORTS DAY RESULTS, 1970

\* indicates new record

#### SENIOR BOYS

100 m. 1. J. Blount (N); 2. T. Eagleton (S); 3. N. Hayne (W); 4. G. Williams (S). 11.8 sec.

200 m. 1. P. Still (S); 2. T. Eagleton (S); 3. N. Hayne (W); 4. G. Williams (S). \*25.7 secs.

400 m. 1. J. Blount (N); 2. P. Still (S); 3. T. Eagleton. \*55.2 secs.

800 m. 1. P. Still (S); 2. N. Clarke (N); 3. A. Loader (W). 2 mins. 20.4 secs.

1500 m. 1. N. Clarke (N); 2. A. Loader (W); 3. G. Ricketts (S). \*5 mins. 5.1 secs.

High Jump 1. P. Still (S); 2. N. Clarke (N); 3. C. Kibblewhite (S); 4. S. Furness (W). 5 ft. 0 ins.

Long Jump	1. N. Hayne (W); 2. J. Blount (S); 3. G. Williams (S); 4. S. Furness (W). 17 ft. 10 ins.
Javelin	1. N. Clarke (N); 2. P. Still (S); 3. C. Kibblewhite (N); 4. N. Hayne (W). 123 ft. 11ins.
Shot	1. D. West (W); 2. A. Loader (W); 3. M. Yapp (S); 4. D. Fisher (N). 32 ft. 7 ins.
Discus	1. A. Loader (W); 2. D. West (W); 3. N. Clarke (N); 4. B. Lancaster (N). 102 ft. 8 ins.
Triple Jump	1. S. Furness (W); 2. N. Hayne (W); 3 P. Dawe (N). 36 ft.

*INTERMEDIATE BOYS*

3rd Year 100 m.	1. P. Allcock (S); 2. D. Thirlby (N); 3. A. Baylis (N); 4. A. Baseley (N). 13.4 secs.
4th Year 100 m.	1. C. Charlton (N); D. Gunter (W); 3. P. Ashton (W); 4. S. Crump (S). 13.0 secs.
200 m.	1. P. Allcock (S); 2. J. Mayle (S); 3. D. Gunter (W); 4. P. Ashton (W). 27.9 secs.
400 m.	1. D. Freeman (W); 2. R. Gooderick (N); 3. J. Mayle (S); 4. P. Ashton (W). 64.7 secs.
800 m.	1. D. Freeman (W); 2. R. Gooderick (N); 3. J. Jansons (N); 4. J. Hughes (W). *2 mins. 25.7 secs.
1500 m.	1. D. Freeman (W); 2. T. Seeney (W); 3. J. Hughes (W). *5 mins. 38 secs.
High Jump	1. J. Mayle (S). 4 ft. 6 ins.
Long Jump	1. P. Ashton; 2. T. Jansons; 3. D. Freeman; 4. P. Allcock.
Discus	1. A. Lancaster (S); 2. D. Charlton (N); 3. T. Oldham (W); 4. J. Mayle (S). 94 ft. 4½ ins.
Javelin	1. J. Jansons (N); 2. J. Hughes (W); 3. B. Mooney (W); 4. P. Richardson (S). 96 ft. 10½ ins.
Shot	1. J. Mayle (S); 2. D. Bennett (W); 3. I. Tanner (S); 4. R. Hartland (W). 30 ft.
Triple Jump	1. P. Ashton (W); 2. D. Freeman (W); 3. J. Jansons (N); 4. B. Mooney (N). 35 ft. 9 ins.

*JUNIOR BOYS*

2nd Year 100 m.	1. R. Greig (S); 2. G. Collett (S); 3. A. Clark (W); 4. A. Willmore (S). 14.2 secs.
1st Year 100 m.	1. G. Raspin (S); 2. P. Strain (N); 3. P. Stevens (W); 4. R. Holland (N). 14.8 secs.
200 m.	1. D. Savage (W); 2. R. Greig (S); 3. M. Pritchard (W); 4. P. Stevens (W). *30.6 secs.
400 m.	1. M. Pritchard (W); 2. D. Savage (W); 3. P. Best (N); 4. R. Greig (S). 72.5 secs.
800 m.	1. M. Pritchard (W); 2. D. Savage (W); 3. A. Crabtree (S); 4. M. Seeney. *2 mins. 43.6 secs.
High Jump	1. A. Clark (W); 2. M. Pritchard (W); 3. I. Duffin (N); 4. D. Rose (S). 4 ft. 5 ins.
Long Jump	1. R. Greig (S); 2. G. Collett (S); 3. D. Savage (W); 4. R. Payne (N). 14 ft. 2 ins.
Discus	1. S. Smith (S); 2. M. Pritchard (W); 3. R. Dallaway (N); 4. D. Rose. *79 ft 11 ins.
Javelin	1. R. Dallaway (N); 2. G. Faulkner (W); 3. R. Payne (N); 4. C. Woodhouse (S). 70 ft.

**SENIOR GIRLS**

100 m.	1. A. Bootle (W); 2. S. Bond (W); 3. R. Woodcock (N); 4. L. Facchetti (S). *13.8 secs.
200 m.	1. A. Bootle (W); 2. R. Woodcock (N); 3 A. Lawrence (N); 3. S. Bond (W). 31.5 secs.
High Jump	1. A. Bootle (W); 2. J. Davis (N); 3. C. Jukes (S); 4. A. Lawrence (N). 4 ft. 2 ins.
Long Jump	1. J. Gray (S); 2. A. Bootle (W); 3. H. Madge (W); 4. A. Lawrence (N). 13 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins.
Javelin	1. S. Bond (W); 2. A. Lawrence (N); 3. H. Madge (W); 4. A. Bootle (W). 49 ft.
Discus	1. B. Rees (S); 2. S. Bond (W); 3. R. Woodcock (N); 4. A. Lawrence (N). 64 ft 10 ins.
Rounders Ball	1. B. Rees (S); 2. A. Lawrence (N); 3. A. Bootle (W); 4. H. Madge (W). 142 ft. 2 ins.

**INTERMEDIATE GIRLS**

3rd Year 100 m.	1. J. Peskett (S); 2. J. Coffee (W); 3. V. Wright (N); 4. R. Baseley (N). 14.2 secs.
4th Year 100 m.	1. S. Burrows (W); 2. J. Kennedy (W); 3. M. Seeney (S); 4. C. Rundle (S). 14.2 secs.
Long Jump	1. L. Manley (N); 2. R. Baseley and L. Gardiner (N); 4. C. Brookes (N). 14 ft. 0 ins.
High Jump	1. S. Burrows (W); 2. J. Coffee (W); 3. P. Tookey (N); 4. R. Jacques (S). 4 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
200 m.	1. J. Coffee (W); 2. S. Burrows (W); 3. J. Peskett (S); 4. J. Kennedy (W). 31.4 secs.
Javelin	1. W. Fisher (N); 2. R. Baseley (N); 3. J. Kennedy (W); 4. J. Nocks (N). 51 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
Discus	1. S. Burrows (W); 2. M. Seeney (S); 3. J. Kennedy (W); 4. J. Coffee (W). 64 ft. 3 ins.
Rounders Ball	1. M. Seeney (S); 2. L. Manley (N); 3 W. Fisher (N); 4. R. Jacques (S). 143 ft. 9 ins

**JUNIOR GIRLS**

1st Year 100 m.	1. J. Deakin (W); 2. C. Clement (W); 3. J. Shaw (W); 4. J. Tedstone (S). 15.4 secs.
2nd Year 100 m.	1. C. Clarke (N); 2. S. Annis (W); 3. A. Sanford (W); 4. J. Crutchley (W). 14.6 secs.
Long Jump	1. J. Spires (N); 2. S. Latham (S); 3. Jacqueline Spiers (N); 4. G. Crowe (W). 14 ft.
High Jump	1. C. Clarke (N); 2. S. Latham (S); 3. L. Stanley (W); 4. J. Spires (N). 3 ft. 8 ins.
200 m.	1. C. Clarke (N); 2. J. Crutchley (W); 3. J. Deakins (W); 4. S. Annis (W). *32.5 secs.
Rounders Ball	1. C. Clarke (N); 2. S. Pugh (W); 3. L. Stanley (W); 4. G. Crowe (W). 166 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

**TUG OF WAR:** 1. Newport; 2. Spencer; 3. Wells.

**RELAYS**

*Lower School Boys:* 1. Newport; 2. Spencer; 3. Wells.

*Upper School Boys:* 1. Newport; 2. Spencer; 3. Wells.

*Lower School Girls:* 1. Wells; 2. Newport; 3. Spencer. 61.8 secs.

*Upper School Girls:* 1. Wells; 2. Spencer; 3. Newport. 59.6 secs.



## WALKING CLUB REPORT 1969-70

This has been the Walking Club's most active year so far. Six excursions were made into various parts of the Midlands and Wales.

In the Autumn term we visited the Radnor Forest and the Cotswolds, and in the Spring term the Woolhope area of Shropshire and the Wye valley. In May we visited the Brecon Beacons, and in July the year's activities were completed by another Cotswold excursion.

Most of these expeditions involved a walk of about ten or twelve miles and were supported by between thirty and forty persons. In general a good spirit prevailed, even when, as invariably happened, some of the party lost their way. The more unkind members did tend to assume that a sight of one of the leaders consulting the map was firm evidence of the fact that the whole party was utterly lost. This was not always the case.

It cannot be said that we enjoyed good weather for our walks; perhaps one should not expect it. In any case, it is possible to prepare adequately so as to be indifferent to what the elements provide. It was unfortunate that the weather which we had for our visit to the Brecon Beacons was just as bad as that which accompanied our first walk here in 1967. We saw nothing of these superb mountains; all was hidden in mist and cloud. The second Cotswolds expedition was an endurance or survival course rather than a ramble. The July weather was hot and humid, the air swarmed with bloodthirsty flies, the footpaths were ploughed up and planted with crops so that we had to make long detours, and the route just a trifle too long. Nonetheless the members plodded to the finishing point in resolute fashion and completed the seventeen mile course in spite of blistered feet and ill-fitting boots.

It is said that the Duke of Wellington attributed his soldiers success in the Peninsula War to good boots, in addition to other things which it would be indelicate to mention here. Unfortunately some of the members of the Walking Club do not share the Iron Duke's enthusiasm for strong footwear. While most of the boys are now well shod, many of the girls will still come for ten mile walk in Winter in all kinds of flimsy shoes. Whether sturdy footwear appears inelegant to the female eye it is impossible to say, but a pair of walking boots or strong lace up shoes with stout ridged soles would be a very sensible investment for any Walking Club member.

We have discovered during the past year just how neglected some of the footpaths of Britain are. It is all very well for the

Ordnance Survey to draw pretty dotted red lines on the map, but these give no indication of the barbed wire, dense undergrowth and ploughed fields which so often confront the would be footpath follower. The only remedy for this is more frequent use. At present the people of Britain take so little interest in their right of ways that they deserve to lose them.

C.J.J.

### COOKERY CLUB

This is a school activity for girls interested in cookery. It is held on a Wednesday afternoon from three-thirty five until five o'clock. Members are allowed to make anything they like. Mrs. Maund is in charge and always ready with a piece of helpful advice.

Various things have been made — casseroles, pies, chocolate eclairs, brandy-snaps, sponges, mousses and biscuits. The cooking is always under control and apart from the results of a temperamental cooker, nothing has ever been spoilt.

We all go for different reasons: some just like cookery and others, like myself, want to teach it. I am sure it is a great help and gives a lot of experience. I thoroughly enjoy it.

Sheryl Aldridge, IIM.

### THE THIRD FORM FOLK GROUP

We started the year thinking about something for the annual carol service in the Parish Church. We came up with some words which we put to the tune of an old English folk song called "Donna Donna" which we sang at Speech day. Unfortunately, we have a lack of imagination when it comes to writing our own words, so, anyone with any bright ideas, apply to 3M.

This term we are watching a programme on making a musical with the Malory Opera Band. This programme is giving us ideas for using voices and guitars in modern idioms. At the end of term we hope to make our own musical.

3M Girls.

### THE BADMINTON CLUB

Throughout the autumn and spring terms a badminton club was held after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The success of this club, attended by six formers only, culminated in an actual match with Ridgeway. Thanks are extended to Mr. Holmes who ran this club with great success.

### THE METALWORK CLUB

This club is held on most Wednesday evenings, starting at 3.45 and finishing at 5 o'clock.

The majority of those attending are third and fourth year students and although there are not usually more than six attending there have been as many as twelve on occasions.

Many varying articles have been, and are being, made, e.g. trammels, rivet extractors, screwdrivers, pokers, steam engines, a tripod for a telescope and a model diesel engine for a model aeroplane.

The boys who attend the club appreciate very much the time and effort given by Mr. Maund in running the club.

I. Aldridge, IIIM.

### BIOLOGY EXCURSION TO WESTONBIRT ARBORETUM

On Monday, 13th July, Mr. Dowell took a party of biologists to Westonbirt Arboretum, a kind of "tree zoo" near Stroud.

We first went on a tour of the Silk Wood which contained many interesting varieties of trees from all over the world. As the weather was fine we could appreciate the trees at their best. After lunch we were left to our own devices, to walk round the Arboretum itself. Unfortunately our departure was a little delayed by two members of the sixth form whose walk took them rather longer than they anticipated.

The Arboretum contained many interesting trees and showed us what England was like before the Industrial Revolution massacred its beautiful forests.

Thank you Mr. Dowell for a very enjoyable trip.

Bryony Clarke.

### SKIING HOLIDAY — FIEBERBRUNN APRIL 1970

A party of 32 children and 3 adults set off from Alcester very early on March 28th en route for Fieberbrunn in the Austrian Tyrol. We arrived, battered and travel weary, in the friendly village to find our basic German totally inadequate and our varying levels of French completely useless! Who said everyone speaks English?

We soon settled in however, and found our hosts helpful and pleasant and everyone was looking forward to their first attempts

on the slopes. This was quite a traumatic experience for some but we were soon 'sorted' into our groups and our long suffering instructors, George, Toni and Otto, began the difficult task of teaching us the rudiments of Skiing.

We were fortunate at Fieberbrunn in having a wide variety of skiing terrain and everyone was able to find slopes to their liking. The progress of some was especially pleasing and we were fortunate to win a number of medals in the end-of-week ski races.

The Apres-ski activities ranged from a Tyrolean evening to a discothecque and bowling and there was always plenty to do — if one had the energy! At the end of the holiday we had a day in the beautiful city of Salzburg which rounded off an enjoyable if exhausting, ten days.

P.J.H.

### THE CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

This year the Lower Sixth decided to produce a pantomime instead of the usual Christmas concert. "Cinderella" was chosen for its versatility and almost every member of the Lower Sixth appeared on stage in the lively choruses, if not in a principal part. There was also an interlude of entertainment by members of the 4th and 5th forms. All the actors worked hard under the direction of Peter Still, and Bryony Clarke performed admirably the unenviable task of general organisation. Our thanks to everyone who helped in any way, and especially to Mr. Sawyer and his stage managers, Miss Gibbs who provided the musical accompaniment, and, of course, Mrs. Price whose aid was indispensable. A collection was taken and a sum of £95.0 was sent to the Cancer Research Fund.

### THE WOULD-BE NOBLEMAN

The school play this year was again by Molière, in this case, the comedy, "The Would-Be Nobleman". This was by far the most ambitious production undertaken as yet by the school, involving a large cast of 46 people and utilising singing and dancing as an interesting diversion in between the acting.

The "Would-Be Nobleman" himself, Jordan, a wealthy, but common, businessman who desperately wants to be regarded by everybody as a nobleman, was played by Peter Still. This was a hard part, requiring the actor to remain on stage during virtually the whole of the play, but Peter, who has acted with the National Youth Theatre, portrayed the part excellently.

Jordan's nagging wife was played by Sally Green, and credit must go to the make-up department in producing such a haggard appearance on such a young person. Paul Foster was Gerald, the slightly foppish friend of Jordan, with Jacqueline Gray as Dori-mena, the lady about to become Gerald's wife.

The lovers, Charles and Lucy, prevented from achieving happiness by Jordan's insistence that his daughter, Lucy, must marry a nobleman, were portrayed by Gary Messer and Helen Moule respectively, Helen's performance being notable when it is considered that she is only in the third form. Anna Chojnacka played Jane, Jordan's maid, with just the right amount of cheek and vitality.

Judges, Charles' servant, was originally played by Martyn Dyer, but unfortunately, after the first night, he succumbed to a stomach complaint, his part being taken at very short notice by Philip Ashton. Even though he had to make use of a script on stage, Philip succeeded in concealing it as much as possible and this fine performance was rewarded with hearty applause.

The supporting roles were also excellently portrayed, with Simon Burlton as a music master, although his Italian accent was slightly unconvincing. Vanessa Burton was the Dancing Mistress, whilst Alan Lancaster as the Fencing Master had the difficult task of teaching Jordan to fence and Andrew Heath, as the Philosophy Master, had the impossible task of teaching Jordan anything. Jonathan and Nicholas Joyce, despite all backstage distractions, managed to maintain perfectly serious expressions as Jordan's foot men, and Maurice Beale showed his accomplishment as a musician as the music pupil. Whilst Steven Crump was ideally suited in character as a Jewish tailor.

This year, for the first time, dancing was introduced to a greater extent, and credit for the success of this must go to the choreography of Bryony Clarke, who together with Vanessa Burton, Ruth Taylor, Astrid Gooderick, and Anne Gayfer danced, excellently. The other numerous singers, apprentices and attendants, despite having small parts, all added to the success of the performance. Indeed, the standard of acting by all was extremely high, considering the large cast, and prompting was notably absent.

By far the most striking and entertaining part of the play was the Turkish scene, which involved Eastern dancing, strange incantations, a Dervish-like frenzy and, for the first night at least, a large amount of bare flesh.

A considerable amount of backstage work also took place for this play, the ornate scenery being designed by Miss Simm and painted by the Lower VI art group. Despite much frustration and last minute additions, this proved very effective, especially under the lighting which was supervised by Mr. Sawyer and operated by the stage managers, Alan Robbins, Nigel Clarke and Alan Smith.

The costumes were hired from the Crescent Theatre, Birmingham, although those for the Turkish scene were made by Celia Reddall and Margaret Cullum. Sadly, however, one had visions of many houses lacking curtains following commandeering of all spare material for these costumes. Helen Orange did sterling work in charge of properties, whilst Mr. Holmes in charge of the Box Office ensured capacity audiences for each of the three nights.

Miss Gibbs trained the singers and arranged all the music which was recorded for the performances by Peter Heath. Finally, patient and devoted production by Mrs. Price ensured three very good performances which were rewarded by good audiences despite a slight amount of controversy and a few raised eyebrows from the more puritan members of the audience.

P.R.F.H.

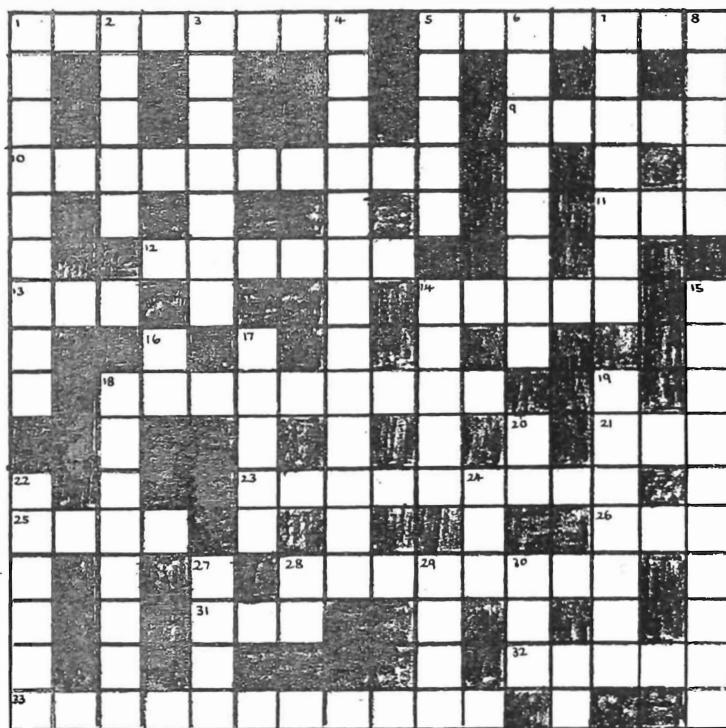
At a special ceremony in the School Hall on the last day of the Summer term, the retiring headmaster, Mr. E. Davison, and the retiring deputy head and senior mistress, Miss A. L. Webley, were presented with gifts by the staff, pupils, old scholars and governors.

Miss Webley received a pearl brooch from the governors, presented by Mrs. Quinney, a transistor radio from the staff, presented by Mr. Petherbridge, a gold watch from the school, presented by the head boy, Maurice Beale, and a cheque from the old scholars, presented by Clive Savage.

Mr. Davison received a travelling clock from the governors, a piece of furniture and a cheque from the staff, pupils and old scholars, presented by Mr. Petherbridge, head girl Gillian Howard and old scholar Gillian Clewes. Deputy head girl Janine Janus presented a bouquet to Mrs. Davison who then gave a surprise personal gift to Miss Webley.

Both Mr. Davison and Miss Webley thanked the whole assembly for their good wishes and kind gifts and the pupils were then dismissed for the Summer holidays.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those old scholars and parents who sent donations — it would cost too much in postage to thank them all individually.



*Clues Across :-*

1. Electronic Mathematician (8); 5. An apparition (7); 9. A person of superhuman size (5); 10. A scientific instrument for magnifying objects (10); 11. A garden implement (3); 12. Solid image of a person or object (6); 13. I.-dependent Television (abb.) (3); 14. Bedtime Beverage (5); 18. Scho 'master (9); 21. "All nature is but —" Pope (3); 23. To convey from one place to another (9); 25. One who entertains another (4); 26. Full of mischief (3); 28. Less dense than air (8); 31. "Here" but not in English (3); 32. Necessary in a civilised society (5); 3. First Rounds of F.A. Cup (11).

*Clues Down :-*

1. Equality for all (9); 2. Ides of — (5); 3. Boorish (7); 4. Involving great and violent changes (13); 5. Heat resistant (5); 6. Decoration for cakes (8); 7. Windpipe (7); 8. Bishop's headdress (5); 14. This crossword consists of (5); 15. Soft, elastic substance from human body (10); 16. Myself (2); 17. Magna — (5); 18.

Build (8); 19. Afternoon performance (7); 20. Green for — (2); 22. Small shell fish (6); 24. Continued overleaf (abb.) (3); 27. Group of Islands (4); 28. Yankee greeting (2); 29. "I will — you as gently as any sucking dove" 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' (4); 30. The Supreme Deity (3).

### PRISE WINNERS

For the best Magazine contributors.

Book tokens were presented by the Headmaster to the following :

Fifth Form : "An Empty World" by Margaret Curd, VS..

Fifth Form : "D Day" by C. Hill VS.

Fourth Form. "The Life Story of the Fire" by Wendy Fisher, IVM.

Third Form : "Music" by Helen Moule, IIIS.

Second Form : "The Dinosaur" by J. Brookes, IIS.

First Form : "The Age of Steam" by M. Seys, IM.

Our thanks to Mrs. Allport for kindly judging the contributions.

### AN EMPTY WORLD?

*Surprises.*

*What would our lives be without surprises?*

*A monotonous road of absolute nothingness,  
Leading on into dreary emptiness.*

*This is what our lives would be without  
surprises.*

*Hope.*

*What would our lives be without hope?*

*An endless desert, lacking aim and desire,  
A fading light, a dying fire.*

*This is what our lives would be without  
hope.*

*Happiness.*

*What would our lives be without happiness?*

*A grim, grim world full of grim, grim people,  
Of laughing and smiling, quite incapable.*

*This is what our lives would be without  
happiness.*

Margaret Curd, VS.

### "D" DAY

In 1971 Britain goes decimal; it does so officially on "D" Day, namely "Decimalisation Day", or, as most people like to think of it, "Doomsday", for, the majority of people seem to have rejected decimalisation already. It is "unwanted", "unnecessary", "unrewarding" and will be "extremely impracticable".

Admittedly it will be difficult at first, especially for elderly people and some present-day "cash-handlers". However, it seems to me that people as a whole are being selfish about the affair; they spare no thought for future generations of shopkeepers, clerks, bankers, various types of school teachers and other learners of the "twelve times table". One must realise that it is they who will count. So let this "D" Day be as memorable as the last.

C. Hill, VS.

### THE LIFE-STORY OF THE FIRE

The fire started in the kitchen, a few baby flames barely alive and flickering, born by a cigarette carelessly left lying around. As it grew, the hungry flames devoured more and more of the flimsy curtain.

Reaching the top of the curtain it was now well into the toddler stage, moving unsteadily, falling back, gradually regaining strength.

Now the adolescent flame crept beneath the kitchen door, rebelliousness clear in its nature, fighting strongly at one moment, calm and quiet at another.

More and more quickly the flames spread, through each room, devouring everything in their path. Larger they grew, now men, now monsters, finally giants.

But the word was out. The enemy was revealed. This called for warfare. The artillery was ready — buckets, hoses, sacks and water. Everything lay in readiness.

Charge! Water flew; the flames died gallantly, one by one; success was imminent. The last valiant flame fell struggling to the ground; the battle was over. Charred ruins were all that remained to tell the life-story of the fire.

Wendy Fisher, IVM.

Why do porters like elephants?  
They always carry their own trunks.

## MUSIC

*A clashing of cymbals,  
A rolling of drums,  
A trilling of trumpets  
While a violin hums.*

*A sweet piccolo dances  
While another one sings;  
The flutes play softly  
While a triangle rings.*

*A puff-puffing of tubas,  
A trombone drones away;  
A cello moves forward  
With a light, gentle sway.*

*A pluck-plucking of harps;  
Violins join in too,  
A grand finale  
Of the "Danse dans la rue".*

Helen Moule, IIIS.

## THE DINOSAUR

*Behold the mighty dinosaur,  
Famous from prehistoric times,  
Not only for his power and strength,  
But for his gigantic length.*

*You will observe by these remains  
The creature had two sets of brains:  
One in his head, the usual place,  
The other at his spinal base.*

*No problem bothered him a bit;  
He made both head and tail of it.  
So wise was he, so wise and solemn,  
Each thought filled just a spinal column.*

*If something slipped his forward mind  
It was rescued by the one behind.  
And if in error he was caught  
He had a saving after thought.*

James Brookes, IIS.

Parachute Instructors: "I'll make you a parachute-jumper yet."

New Recruit: "Thank you, I didn't know you could knit."

## THE AGE OF STEAM

*There it is all shiny black,  
Pistons turning, pistons turning;  
Off it rumbles down the track,  
Pistons turning all day long.*

*Steam-valve whistles through the tunnel,  
Pistons turning, pistons turning;  
Smoke comes pouring from the funnel,  
Pistons turning all day long.*

*Now the days of steam have passed,  
Pistons turning, pistons turning;  
All electric, much more fast,  
Engines turning all day long.*

Martin Seys, IM.

## BOB A JOB

*The dustbinmen were out on strike,  
Which was to Robert's great dislike,  
For he was of the teaching class,  
And very soon it came to pass  
He found his living very tough  
And thought he was not paid enough.  
"I'll strike as well", he thought one day.  
"Then perhaps we'll get more pay".  
Nothing from this strike did show  
And so to farming he did go.  
He helped the farmer with his trade,  
But found he was no better paid.  
The farmers held a great debate;  
They thought they ought to demonstrate.  
They held up traffic through the town,  
Driving tractors up and down.  
Out of this no pay did come;  
Thus he decided to succumb.  
He left the farmers willingly;  
A factory worker he would be.  
He painted cars the whole day through,  
But out on strike these men came too.  
The majority were given a rise,  
But much to Roberts great surprise  
He found himself without a job;  
Redundant was our poor old Bob.  
There was just one thing left to do:*

*To join the well-paid dustbin crew.  
He emptied bins from morn till night,  
But found the pay was quite alright.  
His wages now were far above  
The teaching job he used to love.  
For twenty years he did work there,  
And became a millionaire.  
And now we see the moral made :  
Better money — lower grade.*

Form 3M.

## LIFE

*Every day children are born;  
Each Spring a frog lays her spawn;  
Flowers bloom continually,  
Ready for the honey-bee.*

*Wars in places over-seas;  
Children begging on their knees;  
Animals killed and animals born;  
Crops are grown like rice and corn.*

*Old people die from many things;  
Heart attack and thrombosis brings  
On death, and young ones grieve  
For the sorrow loved ones leave.*

*Many are born and many die;  
Many lie dead and look at the sky.  
We have friends, and kith and kin,  
In this wild world that we live in.*

Frances Pitcher, IIS.

## OLLA PODRIDA

J.A.T. U6L entitled Wordsworth's famous ode "Ultimations on Immorality".

Mr. Johnson informed U6 that it was no use locking the horse after the stable door had bolted.

P.H. IIIS : The King of Spain's daughter was called the Elephanta.

X.Z. LVIS : The Wheatstone Bridge was built by Brunel.

A hint from Mr. Sawyer to LVI Physics group : "It is a case of knowing when to fiddle."

### A PEACEFUL BEACH

The waves lapped gently at the shore, leaving ridged patterns upon the dark, moist sand. One or two people lounged lazily on the beach, gradually acquiring a golden-rich tan from the sun which hung over them — a huge golden orb, suspended by flickering threads of light.

To the right, hidden in the nooks and crannies of the rocks, tiny streams of water trickled into warm pools, forming ripples and eddies which sent the frightened fauna scuttling to shelter.

The smell of the sea was in the air, filling one's nose and mouth with the tang of salt water. Mists of spray shimmered upon the horizon, making the land shiver in the distance. Far away, tiny boats darted this way and that, as if drawn by some irresistible force, until, tired out by their games, they returned homeward, towards land.

Everything was perfect, but soon the sun would turn red, and a silvery ball of moonshine would glide skywards, to watch over the haven till dawn.

Geraldine Jolliffe, L.6.S.

### DREAD

*Each day I wake in mortal dread,  
With fearsome problems in my head,  
And these same problems still pursue  
Each other all the long day through.*

*Is my French grammar up to scratch?  
My English Language I must watch.  
Do I possess the gift it takes  
To bake delicious things like cakes?*

*Am I proficient in R.I.,  
Or do my drawings please the eye?  
While Mathematics I do dread,  
I sometimes wish that I was dead.*

*Why should a normal, carefree miss,  
Have cause to feel at all like this?  
I'll tell you what is worrying me:  
The fast-approaching G.C.E.*

B. M. Rees, VS.

## MANNERS

*When you sit down to eat your tea,  
You may have never thought  
To use your manners properly;  
To use them as you ought.*

*For instance, if you want some food,  
Then all you have to say  
Is "Would you pass some butter please?  
We need some more this way."*

*And when the butter's passed to you  
It's quite polite to say,  
"Oh! Thank you very much, Wilbert.  
Some jam please if I may".*

*It's not just at the table though  
Your manners must be best,  
When you go to a dance perhaps,  
Or when you have a guest.*

*For instance, if you have a cold  
You're sure to cough or sneeze,  
And when you do it's nice to say,  
"Excuse me if you please!"*

*You also say "Excuse me" when  
You're leaving company —  
"Excuse me for a minute please.  
I'll go and make some tea."*

*So if you use your manners well,  
I'm sure you'll have more friends,  
And if your manners aren't too good,  
You'd better make amends.*

Margaret Donovan, IIIS.

Two boys played truant one day. One of them began to feel guilty.

John: I dont think we should have dodged school today, Tim, Teacher will go mad."

Tim: Nonsense, he's always moaning about classes being over-crowded.

## HOMO SAPIENS

*All through the summer they moan at the heat,  
 During the winter they moan of cold feet;  
 During the dry spells they all hope for rain;  
 When it is wet, sun is called for again.  
 They criticise the world for being bare,  
 And then moan about club, discotheque and fair.  
 They argue and skirmish, and become very sore,  
 When asked if it is right to participate in war.  
 They build up, they break down, they save life, they kill,  
 With fertility drugs and the inevitable pill.  
 They visit the moon; they descend to the sea;  
 Reason for which not many can see.  
 Yet in spite of his nature, compared with the rest  
 Of the animal kingdom, homo sapiens is best.*

G. Ricketts, IVS.

## THE ORIGINS OF WRITING

Many people do not realise that writing began thousands of years ago — long before there were any pens or pencils, or paper or ink. The first writing we know of is on the walls of caves. It was written by cave men during the time we call The Old Stone Age. This writing is made up completely of pictures. It is true, however, that the pictures may have been for decoration, in which case they would not be writing. The pictures could also have been message to their god.

But soon this method of writing was found insufficient, and so thousands of years ago the Egyptians found a new way of writing called "Hieroglyphic". "Hieroglyphic" means "sacred writing cut in stone". But not all of it is sacred, and it is not all cut in stone, as a great deal of it is written in ink on papyrus. At a first glance hieroglyphic writing looks like picture writing. But Egyptian hieroglyphic writing is not true picture writing. Sometimes the pictures stand for sounds, not for the things shown in the pictures. Some also stand for syllables. For instance: to write "begun" we could draw a picture of a bee and a gun. Words are written this way in the riddles called rebuses. Most Egyptian writing was rebus writing. Their writing was very complicated as there were hundreds of different signs.

The next type of writing was Cuneiform. The people who invented this kind of writing lived between the Tigris and the Euphrates rivers. They were the Babylonians and the Assyrians.

In this region much of the day was spent along the river banks and so very early the people found out how to use little bricks of soft clay as writing tablets. They wrote with little sticks of wood which the writer pushed into the soft clay at a slant. Each mark was wedge-shaped. "Cuneiform" comes from words meaning "wedge-shaped". There were thousands of different signs in Cuneiform writing; each one of them stood for words or syllables.

The next step was the invention of the alphabet which the Semites invented. They obtained their idea from the Egyptians but they only used twenty pictures to stand for the separate sounds in their language. For each sound they used the picture of something with a name that began with that sound. For example, for the letter 'm' they might draw a man.

From the Semites the idea spread to the Phoenicians, who were the great traders of long ago. They carried the alphabet to the Greeks, but by the time it reached the Greeks the letters did not look like pictures. The Greeks changed the shapes of many letters as they used them and they gave the letters far more uses than before as they used them to write songs, stories and plays. From the Greeks it went to the Romans, who changed the letters a little and added a few more. So eventually it came down to English, with a few changes on the way from the Romans. All that we write, we write by using only twenty-six different signs — our twenty-six letters.

Gillian Apps, 4M.

### A FAMILY EFFORT

*A puddle of wet upon the mat  
And mother exclaims, 'That blasted cat.'  
A pile of crocks rest in the sink.  
Where they all come from makes you think.  
Books galore rest on the floor;  
Homework and swotting, such a chore..  
The electric toaster still in repair;  
Its innards strewn upon a chair.  
Father searches for a screw,  
While mother prepares a tasty stew.  
From the lounge a yell of pain;  
The cat has scratched my sister again.  
For this poem to be complete  
In such a noise, what a feat!*

Paul Morris, IIM.

## ANOTHER FORGOTTEN THING

*there were some flowers like  
 splashes of paint  
 at the side of the road  
 and they loved the rain and sun  
 but the clouds black and thick  
 resounded thunder  
 and the rain  
 like a bad temper  
 instrument of the clouds and sun  
 destroyed the flowers  
 and the petals  
 lay stuck to the  
 rain-wet road  
 like pieces of  
 dismembered sadness  
 i picked up one of the  
 petals and dropped it  
 as the sun appeared  
 like happiness  
 and though I tried  
 not to notice the  
 heat and light  
 i soon forgot the flowers  
 and the clouds rippled  
 like laughter  
 under the sun*

M. N. Flowers, LVI.M.

## AN OPINION

*I walked away at last,  
 Not thinking of the dreadful past,  
 All the happy friends I'd known,  
 But now they'd gone, I was alone.*

*Then I stopped and looked around;  
 I did not hear a single sound.  
 I'd refused to go and fight;  
 In my mind I was quite right.*

*And as I ran from that dreadful war  
 In which I thought there was no law  
 Against the killing that went on,  
 Until the fighting was quite done.*

*I thought about my elder brother,  
Who was as brave as any other,  
Lying dead, engulfed by mud,  
Stained dark red with his own blood.*

*They gave him medals by the score  
For his part in that dear war.  
Better far to be alive  
And help mankind to live and thrive.*

Mark Pritchard, IIM.

### PAINTING THE WALL

*"You've left a bit here,  
And you've left a bit there.  
You've slashed it on me;  
It's all on my hair.  
Look at all that,  
Over there on the door,"  
Susan says crossly as she sits on the floor.  
Then all of a sudden,  
There is a great din;  
Everyone screams as I drop the tin.  
The large can of paint covers them all.  
What am I doing?  
Why, painting the wall!*

Shân Darling, IS.

### SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE

#### Across :-

1. Computer; 5. Phantom; 9. Giant; 10. Microscope; 11. Hoe;
12. Statue; 13. I.T.V.; 14. Cocoa; 18. Pedagogue; 21. Art; 23. Transport; 25. Host; 26. Imp; 28. Hydrogen; 31. Ici; 32. Dress; 33. Preliminary.

#### Down :-

1. Communism; 2. March; 3. Uncouth; 4. Revolutionary; 5. Pyrex; 6. Angelica; 7. Trachea; 8. Mitre; 14. Clues; 15. Protoplasm; 16. Me; 17. Carta; 18. Physique; 19. Matinee; 20. Go; 22. Shrimp; 24. P.T.O.; 27. Fiji; 28 Hi; 29. Roar; 30. God.

Two criminals are talking about their past crimes.

"This time last year I was making big money, Fred."

"Yes," replied Fred, "a ninth of an inch too big."

## SALVETE

*Autumn Term 1969*

IS.  
Shân Darling  
IVM.  
Carole E. Rundle

*Spring Term 1970*

IIIS.  
Donald G. Bennett

*Autumn Term 1970*

IM.  
J. A. Annis  
G. Atherton  
D. C. Berridge  
C. R. Blizzard  
J. A. Crowe  
S. R. Czapko  
K. P. Farmery  
B. Freeman  
W. Gallimore  
J. R. Green  
J. P. Gregory  
J. Morris  
C. S. Payne  
D. A. Peters  
N. C. Sanford  
K. J. Smith  
Lynn Adkins  
Elaine Bradley  
Gwyneth Colbourne  
Jacqueline Deakin  
Jackie Denton  
Claire Duffin  
Rosalind Fallon  
Fiona Hair  
Suzanne Luchford  
Gail Onions  
Valerie Perry  
Margaret Seymour  
Amanda Smith  
Susan Whitehouse  
Erica Wyatt  
Ann Wilshaw  
IS.  
A. S. Abercrombie  
N. O. Andrews

T. C. Baldwin  
C. E. Barlow  
K. G. Bennett  
A. P. Cotterill  
M. J. McMahon  
P. E. C. Parker  
R. J. Randall  
D. A. Roeves  
P. A. Rogers  
P. A. Shaw  
A. E. J. Vincent  
G. Wainwright  
B. J. Williams  
Pauline Ashton  
Susanna Collins  
Nicola Downes  
Michelle Drew  
Susan Elwood  
Anne Ewins  
Hazel Flynn  
Wendy Green  
Anne Maw  
Cheryl Miles  
Patricia Mutton  
Joy Peace  
Lesley Sturley  
Andrea Tadd  
Carole Waters  
IIM.  
J. A. Hughes  
S. M. Plummer  
S. J. Smith  
IIIS.  
Kay Adkins  
Janella Cund  
Sandra Ward  
IIIS  
Helen Gotrel  
IVM.  
Jenny Hopkinson  
Julie Holsman  
IVS  
Julia Robinson  
LVIM.  
P. H. Simmonds  
Sara Hopkinson  
Bridget Carter

## VALETE

*Autumn Term 1969*

L.VIM	U.VIM.
Sarah E. H. Douglas	Maurice Beale
Yvonne C. Adcock	Timothy Eagleton
L.VIS	Paul Foster
David Hancox	Stephen Godfrey
Simon C. Green	Bruce Hayball
Daisy H. N. J. Mills	R. Brett Lancaster
VM.	Clifford Rimell
William R. Mooney	Christopher W. Taylor
Maurice A. Richardson	Stewart W. Watt
Annette D. Summers	Jane R. Beale
IVS.	Barbara Cooper
Lorraine J. Fear	Monica E. Gay
	Marion I. Gould
	Jacqueline E. Gray

*Spring Term 1970*

IVM.	Zofia W. Jurczyk
Colin A. White	Stella Michell
IIIM.	Pamela M. Mutton
Jane Walker	Eileen P. Somers
IIM.	J. Anne Thomas
Joanna M. D. Walker	U.VIS.
IM.	Christopher J. Keeling
Stephen C. Parker	Stephen M. King
Sally Edwards	Alan J. Loader

*Summer Term 1970*

IIS.	James H. Walker
Mark S. P. Sansom	Christopher Wilkes
VM.	Patrick Wood
Leslie A. Fletcher	Michael D. Yapp
Anna T. Chojnacka	Krystyna M. E. Chojnacka
Sheila M. Cook	Barbara M. Duraj
Carolyn E. C. Cremetti	Alice M. Grosvenor
Teresa V. Cyrkunowicz	Helena P. Norton
Anne M. Donovan	Gillian M. Howard
Yvonne J. Lewis	Janine A. Janus
Susan M. Thomas	Jane Morris
VS	Judith M. Orange
Christopher J. Breen	Susan M. Randall
Derek C. Handy	Patricia A. White
Nicholas S. F. Potts	L.VIM
Pauline T. Bobbett	Shirley A. Graudumnieks
L.VIS.	Susan M. Moore
Peter R. Clulue	IV.S.
Gary J. Messer	David E. Gunter
	IIM.
	Tamara M. Mason

## OXFORD G.C.E. EXAMINATION RESULTS 1970

## ADVANCED LEVEL

- M. Beale, Mathematics (Distinction and Distinction in Special Paper), Further Mathematics, Physics (Distinction), Music.  
 P. Foster, Physics, Chemistry, Biology (Distinction).  
 S. Godfrey, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.  
 B. Hayball, Mathematics (Distinction and Distinction in Special Paper), Further Mathematics, Physics (Distinction), Music.  
 C. J. Keeling, Art.  
 R. B. Lancaster, Mathematics, Physics.  
 A. J. Loader, Mathematics (Distinction), Physics (Distinction), Chemistry.  
 C. Rimell, Mathematics (Distinction), Physics (Distinction), Chemistry.  
 J. H. Walker, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.  
 S. W. Watt, English Literature, History, Geography (Distinction).  
 T. C. R. Wilkes, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.  
 P. Wood, Geography.  
 M. D. Yapp, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.  
 Jane Beale, Mathematics, Biology.  
 Barbara Cooper, English Literature.  
 Barbara Duraj, English Literature, Polish (Distinction).  
 Monica Gay, English Literature, History, Biology.  
 Marion Gould, English Literature, French, Spanish.  
 Jacqueline Gray, English Literature, History.  
 Alice Grosvenor, English Literature, History, Biology.  
 Helena Horton, Mathematics.  
 Gillian Howard, English Literature, History, Geography.  
 Janine Janus, English Literature, Art.  
 Zofia Jurczyk, English Literature, Cookery, Needlework.  
 Stella Michell, English Literature, Latin, History.  
 Jane Morris, Art.  
 Pamela Mutton, English Literature, French, Spanish, Music.  
 Judith Orange, Mathematics, Physics.  
 Eileen Somers, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.  
 Anne Thomas, English Literature, History.  
 Patricia White, English Literature, French, Mathematics.

## ORDINARY LEVEL

*Key:* English Language, e; English Literature, E; Latin, L; French, F; History, H; Religious Knowledge, RK; Geography, G; Mathematics, M; Physics, P; Chemistry, C; Biology, B; Human Biology, HB; Engineering Drawing, ED; Cookery, Co; Art, A; Music, Mu; Metalwork, Met.

\* denotes Distinction.

## FORM VM

- I. G. Boyle, e\*, E\*, F, RK, M\*, P\*, C\*, Met, ED\*.  
 S. J. G. Burlton, e, E, H, G, B.  
 P. N. Eadon, e\*, E, F, H, G, M\*, P. C.  
 P. B. Escott, e, E, H, G.  
 D. P. Fisher, e, E, M, P, C, Met, ED.  
 S. P. Furness, e, E, H, G, M, P.  
 I. M. Greig, e\*, E, F, G\*, M, P, C, ED.  
 D. S. Howie, e, E, G.  
 S. L. Mills, e, E, F, M, P, ED.  
 S. J. Rewse, e, E, RK, M, P, C, B.

G. T. Williams, e, E, H, RK, M, P, Met.  
 Anna Chojnacka, e, HB, A.  
 Sheila Cook, e\*, E, F, A.  
 Elizabeth Cox, e\*, E, F, H, RK, M, C, B, A.  
 Carolyn Cremetti, e\*, E\*, F, RK, HB, A.  
 Teresa Cyrkunowicz, e, HB, Co.  
 Anne Donovan, e, E, F, H, HB.  
 Teresa Gay, e\*, E\*, F, H, RK\*, M, B, A.  
 Sally Green, e, E\*, F, H, RK, M, B, A.  
 Anne Lawrence, e, E, F, H, RK, M, C, B\*, Mu.  
 Yvonne Lewis, e\*, E\*, F, H, RK, M, C, HB\*, A.  
 Jennifer Rigby, e, F, M, HB, Mu.  
 Susan Thomas, e, E.  
 Cheryl Turner, e\* E, L, F\*, H, M, P.  
 Roslynne Weaver, e, E, F, H, RK, M, C, HB\*, Mu.  
 Rosemary Woodcock, e\*. E, F\*, RK, M, HB\*, Co, A\*, C.

*Form VS*

J. E. Blount, e, E, M, P, Met, ED.  
 C. Breen, e, E, M, P, C, Met, ED.  
 S. M. F. Burke, e, E, M, P, Co.  
 R. P. Clarke, F, RK, M, P, G, B.  
 D. C. Handy, e, F.  
 N. J. Hayne, M.  
 A. K. Heath, e, F, M\*, P\*, C.  
 C. Hill, e, E, F, RK, M\*, P, C\*, Met, ED.  
 M. J. Howie, E, H, G, M, A.  
 C. G. P. Jolliffe, e, E, F, H, RK, M, P, C.  
 C. J. Kibblewhite, E, G, M, P, C.  
 N. S. F. Potts, e, E, Co.  
 M. J. Whalley, e, E, G, M, P, C, ED.  
 R. J. Williams, e, E, F, H, M, HB, ED, A.  
 Rosalind Bell, e\*, E, F, H, RK, M, C, B, A.  
 Pauline Bobbett, e, E, RK.  
 Susan Bond, e, E\*, L, F\*, H\*, RK, M\*, P, B.  
 Elaine Booker, e\*, E\*, F, H\*, RK, M, P, C. B.  
 Anna Bootle, e, E, A\*.  
 Shirley Cooper, e, E, H, M, HB.  
 Margaret Cund, e, E\*, H, A.  
 Jacqueline Davis, e, E, H, RK, G, HB.  
 Susan Gladwin, e\*, E, F, H, RK, M, C, B.  
 Lynda Hawker, e, E, F, M, Co, Mu.  
 Juliette Hewitt, E, Co.  
 Rosemary John, e\*, E\*, F, H, RK, M\*, P, B, Co\*.  
 Carolyn Jukes, e, E, H, HB, Co.  
 Janet Miles, e, E, H, RK, G.  
 Beverley Powell, e, E, H, RK, HB.  
 Bronwen Rees, e, E, F.  
 Susan Spires, e, E, F, G, M, HB.

**EXTRA SUBJECTS :**

Geraldine Jolliffe, M, C, B.  
 N. K. Moule, F.  
 Gillian Clifford, e.  
 Shirley Graudumnieks, B.  
 Jean Kessey, Spanish.

### WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO?

*Upper VI 1970* :- Maurice Beale, electronics at Kent University; Paul Foster, veterinary science at the Royal Veterinary College, London; Bruce Hayball, architecture at Cardiff University; Brett Lancaster, engineering science at Exeter University; Clifford Rimell, civil engineering at Surrey University; Stewart Watt, history at Aberystwyth University; Alan Loader, mechanical engineering at Queen Mary College, London; James Walker, chemical engineering at Manchester University; Christopher Wilkes medicine at Birmingham University; Michael Yapp, public health inspection at Aston University; Eileen Somers, pharmacy at Cardiff University; Gillian Howard, sociology at Leicester University; Stephen Godfrey, applied chemistry at Lanchester College; Jane Beale, environmental studies at Leicester Polytechnic; Zofia Jurczyk, domestic science at Gloucester Training College. To Colleges of Education for Teacher Training : Anne Thomas, Whitelands; Christopher Keeling, Winchester; Alice Grosvenor, Chester; Helena Horton, Birmingham; Janine Janus, Liverpool; Timothy Eagleton, cost accounting at Needle Industries; Barbara Cooper, N.F.U. Stratford; Monica Gay, nursing at Queen Elizabeth's Hospital; Jacqueline Gray, banking at Leicester; Marion Gould, banking; Judith Orange, banking at Bromsgrove; Pamela Mutton, modern languages and music at Ealing Polytechnic, Susan Randall, occupational therapy; Stephen King, management training at Owen & Owen Ltd.; Krystyna Chojnacka, canning factory laboratory, Stratford; Jane Morris, trainee fashion buyer at Lewis's; Patricia White, secretarial course. Christopher Taylor and Barbara Duraj, undecided. Patrick Wood to repeat "A" levels at Keswick Grammar School, his family having moved to Cumberland. Stella Michell, archeological dig near Leicester, pending University next year.

*Fifth Forms 1970* : Christopher Breen, industry; Derek Handy, Needle Industries; Nicholas Potts, catering course at Stratford; Pauline Bobett, training for child nursing at Coleshill Residential Nursery; Bronwen Rees, residential child nursery in Birmingham. Others will be reported when information is received.

### OLD SCHOLARS NEWS

Robert Woodfield (1943-47) has been awarded a commission in the Grenadier Guards and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

Susan M. Tillsley (1955-61) who obtained the London Chamber of Commerce Private Secretary's Diploma in 1967, the highest award one can achieve in that subject, is employed at the

Hymatic Engineering Company in Redditch. Susan hopes to obtain a post in the Diplomatic Service at home or abroad.

Andrew W. Cotter (1959-66) has joined the army and hopes to obtain a Regular Commission in Her Majesty's Forces.

John M. Chapman (1958-65) was awarded the Degree of Bachelor of Technology in Chemical Engineering at Bradford in 1969.

Ann E. Chapman (1962-69) is taking a three-years course for the Diploma in Home Economics of the National Council for Domestic Studies at Birmingham College of Food and Domestic Arts.

Maureen Grubb (1960-60) is now a State Registered Nurse, having passed the final examinations at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham.

Wendy Baseley (1961-66), who is a full-time Youth Leader at Kenilworth, is taking a Youth Leadership Course at Westhill College of Education.

Edgar Rabone (1938-42) wrote to tell us that his daughter Jacqueline, at Upminster Infants School, is in the same class as Sally Caton, daughter of Dr. Michael Caton, grand-daughter of Mr. C. T. Lear Caton, a former Headmaster of A.G.S.

Barbara Anne Freeman (1950-57), whose marriage is reported in this issue, lives in Hong Kong where her husband is engaged in market research. Miss Freeman was head girl at A.G.S. and graduated at Bristol University in English and History. Since then she has travelled the world extensively, combining writing with teaching and translating. Formerly women's editor of "The Bangkok Post", she more recently worked in San Francisco and wrote about the campus riots in American Universities. She is now writing a book about her travels and experiences around the world.

R. F. Hancox (1960-67) has gained the Higher National Diploma in Electrical Engineering (with distinction in mathematics) at Derby College of Technology. He now works for the M.E.B.

Colin Such (1956-64), a former editor of the Record, is going to Australia to work with the Anglo-American Corporation.

Roger Smith (1960-67), former head boy, has gained a First Class Honours Degree in Law at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. In addition to the successes reported in our last issue, Roger has been elected to an Honorary Senior Scholarship at this College and is now a Lecturer in Law at Birmingham University.

Judith Bell (1961-67) gained an Honours Degree in Modern Languages at Bristol University and is now taking a Teaching Diploma Course at Bath.

Denise Hands (1961-68) is in her second year at Portsmouth College of Education.

Liam O'Connor (1962-64) completed his training as a deacon in May at Oscott College. He will be ordained priest in the Roman Catholic Church in December 1970.

Congratulations to Christopher Strain (1960-66) on his recent appearances as an actor in the B.B.C. television series "The Doctors" and a Wednesday play.

Since his retirement in March 1959, Mr. V. V. Druller has been our major supplier of news of Old Scholars, but, after his recent illness from which he is making a satisfactory recovery, he has asked us not to rely on him for any more news under this heading. We are very grateful to Mr. Druller for his contributions over the past ten years and trust that he and Mrs. Druller will continue to read the Record with interest and pleasure for many years to come.

#### BIRTHS

- 1969 To Mr. and Mrs. M. Brand — a son.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Lovell — a son.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. A. Stallard — a daughter  
 To Mr. and Mrs. M. Finnemore — a son.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. J. Eades (née Rita Taylor) — a son.
- 1970 To Mr. and Mrs. J. Kinnersley — a son.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. R. Knight (née Pauline Taylor) —  
     a daughter.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. G. Collett (née Josephine Allen) — a son.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. P. Burden — a daughter.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. R. Basson (née Edwina Gregory) —  
     a daughter.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. A. Nott (née Isabel Highman) —  
     a daughter.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. B. Statham (née Sylvia Devey) —  
     a daughter.

#### MARRIAGES

- 1969 John M. Chapman (1958-65) to Julie Beer.  
 John Sidney Hill to Cynthia May Higley (1953-58).  
 Michael John Lovell (1955-60) to Sandra Denise Blowers.

- Peter Bryan Hughes to Maureen Betty Anderson (1958-64).  
 Michael William Boast to Jean Margaret Cund (1960-65).  
 Paul Jonathan Wiggett (1958-63) to Wendy Christine Roe.  
 Paul Vondrak (1959-66) to Susan Butterworth.  
 John Dwyer to Sandra Rosemary Skinner (1961-65).  
 John Bryan Henderson (1958-63) to Pamela Ann Williams  
 Brian Walter Goodhand to Josephine Marilyn Price (1958-63).  
 Stephen Rodney Oakes (1962-65) to Rina Margaret Lovett.  
 Edward William John Brain to Margaret Ann Collins (1960-65).  
 Rowland Graham Hill to Lynda Joy Ray (1961-67).  
 Christopher James Bayne to Mary Penelope Thomas (1951-58).
- 1970
- Colin Such (1956-1964) to Genevieve Gillet.  
 Gregory Martin Saville (1962-64) to Cherry Rowena Strasser  
 (1959-65).  
 Nigel Anthony Southall (1962-63) to Lynette Ison.  
 Roger Brain to Lesley Ann Agar (1961-66).  
 Mitchell James Dutton to Barbara Frances Joanna Bates (1961-66).  
 Peter Taylor to Linda Kelly (1963-68).  
 Christopher Eric Strain (1960-66) to Rosalind Harbinson.  
 Roderick Mark Ackrill to Margaret Denise Ison (1963-68).  
 Lindsay McCabe Taylor (1958-63) to Celia Flowers.  
 Allen Michael Whelan (1960-64) to Rita Denise Cox.  
 John Daw to Christine Elizabeth Whateley (1959-66).  
 Roger John Horsley (1959-60) to Juliet Hemingway.  
 Martin Charles Malcolm Evans to Anne Oseland (1957-64).  
 Henry Thomas Turner to Ann Elizabeth Price (1959-64).  
 Gavan Johnson to Julie Collett (1959-64).  
 John Birch (1959-64) to Lynne French.  
 Anthony Robert Perrett to Phyllis Monica McCarthy (1961-67).  
 Christopher John Drake to Dianne Elizabeth Megainey (1963-68).  
 Ewan Chisholm Blauvelt to Barbara Anne Freeman (1960-67).  
 Roger Eric Day (1954-62) to Fiona Ball.  
 Timothy Raymond Jones (1959-66) to Roma Muriel Hallam  
 (1960-67).  
 Dennis Mitchell Sloggie (1961-66) to Julie Ann Brooks.  
 Leslie Charles Collins to Patricia Julia Higgs (1961-66).  
 Gareth Williams to Kathleen Ann Pope (1960-67).  
 Christopher Lawrence to Margaret Jean Hawthorne (1960-67).  
 Grantley Lewis to Jillian Mary Nightingale (1957-62).

## DEATHS

- 1969 Harold Thomas (scholar 1912-15).  
 Ida Perkins (née Collins (scholar 1912-15).  
 Beryl Stallard (scholar 1940-43).

1970 John Stephen Tuckey (scholar 1958-65).

Evelyn Joyce Graham (née Taylor) (scholar 1935-38) in car accident.

#### SCHOOL PREFECTS 1970-71

*Head Boy*: Peter R. F. Heath. *Deputy*: Jonathan R. Joyce. *Prefects*: N. S. F. Clarke, M. R. Dyer, W. J. Dodwell, N. A. S. Gumbley, P. Hancock, R. E. Harz, I. P. Jones, N. J. Joyce, N. K. Moule, P. G. Nicholls, A. J. Robbins, P. A. Schneider, A. J. Smith, M. A. Smith, P. Still, M. N. Flowers.

*Head Girl*: Celia M. Reddall. *Deputy*: Hilary J. Madge. *Prefects*: Pat Beddows, Margaret Beech, Susan Bull, Vanessa Burton, Bryony Clarke, Rosalind Clark, Margaret Cullum, Jean Kessey, Helen Orange, Aileen Watton, Linda Williams, Gillian Clifford, Lucia Fachetti, Pamela Farr, Rosalind Golub, Jenny Yates, Shelagh Fisher.

MR. J. W. R. TURNER

One's first headship cannot be an easy task, but for Mr. J. Turner we hope it will be a pleasant one.

Mr. Turner was born in London and educated in South Africa during the war. He returned to England and went to King's College, London, to read Mathematics, then to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, to take a post-graduate course in teaching. His last post was at Henley-on-Thames Grammar School, where he was Senior Master and Head of the Mathematics Department.

Mr. Turner's hobbies are music, drama and swimming, and although he admits he is not a great sportsman, the interest is certainly there. He is keen to develop opportunities for activities both in and out of school, and he hopes to expand clubs, societies and house activities providing means for pupils to share their interests. Mr. Turner classes social work out of school as important, and wishes to develop greater co-operation with parents.

In principle, Mr. Turner finds comprehensive education acceptable, given the right facilities, but he would not like to see the present system in this area changed. He would like to see the school run on a "family" principle, where each person actively contributes to its success, and shares in its disappointments.

We wish Mr. Turner every success and happiness in his new appointment.

B.C. and P.H.

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